GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:226
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2001
SEIZURE OF PIRATED NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has seized a large number of pirated NCERT books and arrested a number of persons under the Copyright Act in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such violation of Copyright Act in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARED QUESTION NO.226 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 7.8.2001.

(a)&(b): During the current year, Delhi Police registered two separate cases in connection with unauthorized publication of NCERT text books. In one case, the accused persons are reported to have unauthorisedly printed books with the same textual matter including pictures and illustrations as contained in Volumes I,II and III of `Samanya Vigyan` published by NCERT and sold these as their own publication. Three persons were arrested in this case. In the other case, the accused used to print duplicate copies of NCERT books and pass the same as original for sale at the retail outlets. One person was arrested in connection with this case.

(c): The steps taken by NCERT to prevent unauthorized publication and sale of its books include use of NCERT Watermark on the paper used for printing NCERT Textbooks; insertion of advertisements in the newspapers to create awareness about the incorporation of the NCERT Watermark; issue of warnings through advertisements in the newspapers against sale of pirated NCERT books; and surprise checks of the stocks of wholesale agents. In addition, the Ministry of Human Resource Development have requested the States and Union Territories to create special cells at their Police Headquarters for effective enforcement of the Copyright laws and also to nominate a nodal officer to facilitate proper coordination between industry associations and enforcement agencies.